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1. Among the most lucrative businesses in Spain are the so-called "militarized industries" which, under the protection of the Government, serve private interests. Fortunes are amassed by certain Spaniards through such enterprises.
2. One of these industries called Armamento de Aviacion S.A. is located in Pinto, near Madrid, and employs four hundred workers, whereas in 1939 there were only a few dozen workers in the organization. The old workshops have been enlarged, a foundry has been set up and new machines have been installed. At present these workshops are worth some 15 to 20 million pesetas. Source states that the great and disproportionate success of the workshops is not due to the skill and creative ability of those who belong to the company but to their friends, who hold official positions in the Spanish Government and are able to provide them with certain concessions. This company has another office in Madrid located at No. 8 Calle de Antonio Maura, where a certain Valcarlos is in charge.

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3. The principal members of Armamento de Aviacion S.A. are as follows.

Managing Director: Emilio Ruiz del Arbol
Naval Engineer: Joaquin Almerida
Engineer: Lt. Colonel Nicolas Fuster
Engineer: Ignacio Fuster

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The office personnel consists of:

Chief of the technical office: Manuel Marcos
Chief of Control: Luis Nadia, a former aviation lieutenant
Chief of the drafting office: Manuel Hernandez
Second draftsman: Manuel Garcia, who worked as a draftsman
in Germany during World War II
Cashier of the offices: Eduardo Campo

4. Much of the work done in the shops of Armamento de Aviacion S.A. is for the Ministry of Air. Certain work for the RENFE is sometimes accepted.
5. The men in these workshops are constructing a 10 to 12-ton "Verdeja" tank which has two Lincoln 12-cylinder V motors and a mounted rapid-fire 55-mm. gun. The name of "Verdeja" is the surname of its inventor, a major of the engineer corps who visits the factory from time to time. He has been working

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on this tank for four years.

6. The men in the shops are also employed in the assembly adjustment and alignment of two hundred and fifty 7.92-mm. anti-aircraft machine guns of various makes, the majority being Vickers. These machine guns were sent to the workshops through the Ministry of Air and presumably will be returned to the same Ministry.
7. The corporation has a 23 million-peseta order for the construction of bomb-mounts, of L.K. make, which is of German origin. By October 1946, the number of bomb-mounts completed was 300, and another 500 were ready for assembling. Reportedly, the order is for 1,500 bomb-mounts.
8. This company also has been given 10 million pesetas more for the construction of the "Reloj de Riego", an apparatus with which the observer-bombardier must be equipped.
9. These workshops are also used for the manufacture of fuses for aviation bombs which appear with the letters I.G.M.A. (Invento Gerardi Material Aeronautico). The inventor of these fuses is Aviation Captain Gerardi, of Italian parentage. The fuses used to be manufactured in Toledo until Gerardi joined the company after 1939. During World War II more than 20,000 of these fuses were manufactured, which, according to source, supposedly were sent to Axis countries.

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